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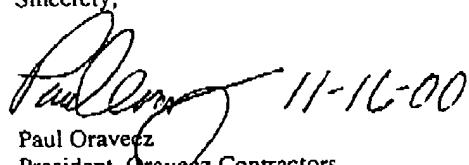
Dear Sir or Madam:

In early 1994 I discussed with Robert de Sylva his concepts for a new mobile oil recycling system. Shortly thereafter, we fabricated a prototype of the new device and installed it on one of my vehicles (Chevy Blazer). Robert de Sylva has since shown me U.S. Patent 5,824, 211 of Charles Lowry, which is very similar to the prototype that we built. Furthermore, after reviewing Robert de Sylva's patent application, it is clear that Robert de Sylva had developed the concepts described in the patent application well before the May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1995 filing date of Charles Lowry's U.S. Patent 5,824, 211.

I personally met Charles Lowry in late 1994 or early 1995. Charles Lowry was Robert de Sylva's mechanic.

I, Paul Oravecz, certify that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,



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Paul Oravecz  
President, Oravecz Contractors